

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An ink jet recording apparatus having a tube pump for generating negative pressure in a tube, the tube pump being provided with a tube disposed along  
5 an arcuate guide portion, a pressing roller for squeezing the tube, a rotary member to which the pressing roller is rotatably journalled, and a supporting member to which the rotary member is rotatably journalled, wherein the tube, the pressing  
10 roller, the rotary member and the rotary member supporting member are assembled to thereby form a pump unit, and are separable from the guide portion in the state of the pump unit. Thereby, the incorporation of the tube becomes easy, and the  
15 erroneous incorporation of incorporating the tube in its buckled state or its twisted state can be eliminated easily.